

Require District Officer Elections

Problem: Article V, Section 8 requires District Conventions to be held at least once every two years. It further provides that “The business of such District Conventions may include . . . the election of District officers.” This stands in contrast to Section 5 of the same Article which requires State Party officers to be elected at each Regular State Convention. Without requiring the election of officers at the required District Conventions, the potential exists for the Chair (or other officers) of the Congressional District Committee to remain in office indefinitely.

Solution: Change the language of Article V, section 8, to mirror the corresponding language of Article V, section 5, i.e., replace “may” with “shall.”

Benefits: The change will establish a timetable for the election of District officers. This will eliminate the potential for District officers to remain in office indefinitely due to the lack of a requirement for the District Convention to hold elections and will align their elections with what is already required at the State Party level.

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ V. Conventions of the Party ▪ 8. District Conventions shall be held at least once every two years and at least thirty days prior to the Regular State Convention. The business of such District Conventions may include, but is not limited to, the election of District officers, election of other District Committee officials as may be necessary, nomination or endorsement of candidates for the United States House of Representatives, adoption of a District platform, and the conduct of any other business as may properly come before such conventions. Requirements for the conduct of District Conventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ V. Conventions of the Party ▪ 8. District Conventions shall be held at least once every two years and at least thirty days prior to the Regular State Convention. The business of such District Conventions may <u>shall</u> include, but is not limited to, the election of District officers, <u>and may include, but is not limited to,</u> the election of other District Committee officials as may be necessary, nomination or endorsement of candidates for the United States House of Representatives, adoption of a District platform, and the conduct of any other business as may properly come before such conventions. Requirements for the conduct of District Conventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ V. Conventions of the Party ▪ 8. District Conventions shall be held at least once every two years and at least thirty days prior to the Regular State Convention. The business of such District Conventions shall include the election of District officers, and may include, but is not limited to, the election of other District Committee officials as may be necessary, nomination or endorsement of candidates for the United States House of Representatives, adoption of a District platform, and the conduct of any other business as may properly come before such conventions. Requirements for the conduct of District Conventions

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MARK-UP LEGEND

- In replacements, deletions precede additions.
- Deletions are in ~~red bold italic strikethrough~~.
- Additions are in blue bold underline.
- Per LPVA Constitution, Article IX, Section 1, amending the constitution requires a 2/3 vote to pass.
 - Exceptions defined in Section 2 of the same article require 4/5 vote to pass and 90 days notice.
 - Article I, Section 2
 - Article VIII, Section 2
 - Article IX
 - Article X
- Per RONR t8 #13, the convention special rules of order require a 2/3 vote with notice or a majority of the entire convention membership